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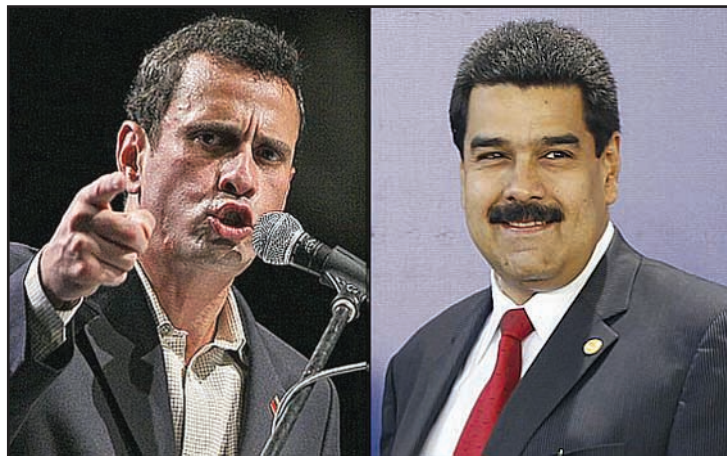
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## Venezuela election fight to succeed Chavez begins



Henrique Capriles

Nicolas Maduro

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela yesterday plunged into a bitter election fight to succeed Hugo Chavez, with acting President Nicolas Maduro and opposition leader Henrique Capriles facing off in a flurry of name-calling.

Thousands of the late president's supporters massed outside the National Election Council as Maduro, dressed in a jacket in the colors of the Venezuelan flag, officially registered his candidacy.

"I am not Chavez, but I am his son and all of us together, the people, are Chavez," he said.

Wearing red berets and T-shirts emblazoned with

Chavez's image, his supporters vowed loyalty to the deeply polarizing socialist revolution that the former army paratrooper championed during his 14 years in power.

"We are going to elect Chavez in the body of Maduro," said Jesus Oliviertt, a 60-year-old retiree. "We are going to continue his work."

Capriles, an energetic 40-year-old state governor who lost to Chavez in presidential elections in October, kept his followers off the street but warned Maduro on Sunday, "I won't leave you an open path."

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The Aruba Airport Authority of the Reina Beatrix International Airport was pleased to open five full days of team building projects and safety lectures for their airside employees yesterday morning. The day started with an official welcome from AAA Director of Operations, Jurgen Benschop, explaining the extreme importance of the safety week exercise, and how the airport is networking with other facilities to continually improve at all levels.

"We have been doing very well with safety over the last decade," he informed the gathering. "We are privileged to be part of the Island Safety Council, which has been meeting annually for the last six years to audit each other's airports and verify the level of safety, while sharing information and methods." As chairman of the Safety Committee of Airport Council International, he has been deeply immersed in safety procedures deployed at 350 airports in the region and Latin America.

The beginning of Airside Safety Week in recent years has been marked by honoring individuals and companies which have made an enormous contribution to Aruba's airport safety by example and their exceptional dedication. This year,



Eric Martijn, Gabriel Dania and Jurgen Benschop

Airside Safety Manager Eric Martijns called to the podium Ground Handling Manager Gabriel Dania of Aviation Ground Services, AGS. Gabriel, who has worked at the

airport for 35 years, "is not being honored just for his long service," stated Eric Martijns, "but for his constant vigilance and attention to airside safety."

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## San Nicolas Water Tower shines bright and new!



SAN NICOLAS -- With only a few days left before the restoration project of the San Nicolas Water Tower is submitted as complete, it was good to take a look at the entire project together with a similar project which took place in Oranjestad last year. The job of 'rescuing' both Water Towers is part of the government's Plan BoBario program.

WEB Aruba NV played a vital role as owners of both the Oranjestad and San Nicolas Water Towers. WEB inherited these edifices after the official transfer from the Landswater-voorzieningsdienst to their current identity and structure.

In 1991 WEB Aruba NV while doing maintenance work in the city center of Oranjestad, removed those pipes that connected the Water Tower with their water distribution red. Since then the water tank was empty and the Water Tower was out of function.

In 2003, 64 years after construction, WEB Aruba NV decided the properties of the two Water Towers to the Fondo di Monumento for the symbolic sum of Afls.1. The San Nicolas Water Tower was taken out of function that same year.

In 1997, an economic transfer was made paving the way for the Fondo Monumento to begin working on restoring these buildings. The judicial procedure was put in motion to realize the projects.

It is obvious that these Water Towers can no longer serve their original purpose of distributing water to the Oranjestad and San Nicolas barrios.

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## Minister Richard Visser meets US First Lady Michelle Obama

WASHINGTON DC -- Minister of Health, Welfare and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser was invited to attend the 2013 summit: "Building a Healthier Future" organized by Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA). First Lady Michelle Obama is the Honorary Chair of PHA.

The summit aimed to unite a large and diverse group of individuals committed to solving the childhood obesity epidemic in the USA. "It challenges everybody to leave agendas behind, put differences aside and work on strategies to improve the health of our nation's youth," PHA explains. The summit was held from 6-8 March at the Grand Hyatt Resort in Washington D.C. Notable was that Aruba and Canada were the only international invitees to the Summit.

On the 7th of March 2013, Minister Visser was a speaker at the conference session "Working Across Borders to Improve Health" moderated by Dr. Nils Daulaire, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, US Department of Health and Human Services. As part of a distinguished panel, Minister Visser greatly contributed to the conversation about global childhood obesity. The session discussed programs and policies that have been implemented to address this growing health concern at the international level. Minister Visser eloquently described the situation in Aruba focusing on the great changes that have been made; he described the significant progress in the rate of physical activity, health awareness and life style improvements. The numerous changes experienced is due to the amazing projects and programs designed and established by the Government of Aruba to further assist the island in becoming healthier and more active. A prime example is the changes experienced in the



percentage of physical activity from 2006 to 2012. The staggering growth from 6% to 39%, in a span of 6 years, further indicates that Aruba is on the right path towards achieving a healthier lifestyle.

Obesity in the region and that the PACO events held in Aruba served as a catalyst and guided many countries in the region, including Brazil, Colombia and Mexico, among others. The incredible role that such a



Aruba received great honor during the panel when the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) representative and expert at PAHO's Pan American Action Forum on Non-Communicable Diseases - who also served as a panelist during this conversation - by explicitly mentioning the leadership role that Aruba has shown in combating childhood obesity in the region. Ms. Cunn indicated that in the past year, there has been significant increase in initiatives to combat Childhood

small country as Aruba can play in moving the continent in taking action on such an important global health challenge, is remarkable.

The conference culminated with a special plenary session, featuring PHA Honorary Chair First Lady Michelle Obama. The session had many other great speakers including Lawrence A. (Larry) Soler, President and CEO of PHA and Corey A Booker, Mayor of Mrs. Newark.

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## Former Abba singer Agnetha stages comeback

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Agnetha Faeltskog, former singer of legendary Swedish pop group Abba, will release her first album in nine years in May, her record company said yesterday.

"I never thought I would sing again, but when I heard the first three songs I couldn't say no,"

said the Swedish songstress.

Abba, one of the most popular and enduring bands of all time, formed in 1970 and shot to fame after winning the Eurovision contest in 1974. The band, which has sold more than 378 million records to date, split up in 1982 and has never reunited.

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**Aserca, Company of the Year**

In addition to a handsome trophy, Mr. Dania received a round trip ticket to Miami from American Airlines.

The company collecting the trophy for best safety performance was Aserca Airlines of Venezuela. Station Manager Pierre Croes accepted the trophy from Jurgen Benshop for his team, to whom he gave all the credit. "As I have only been in this position perhaps 18 months, it is, unquestionably, this dedicated team of Aserca employees who deserve all the applause," he told the audience.

Airside Safety Week 2013 began the educational presentations with Jeannete Bisslik lecturing on "Preventing Aircraft Damage." Other topics covered over the week will be "Fatigue Management," "Airside Pedestrian Safety," and "Fire Safety," among several pertinent topics. Airside employees on duty were able to follow the lectures in between arrivals with a live broadcast at their rest stations. Mr. Benshop left the audience with the reminder that "even one accident at the airport is one too many."

Rosalie Klein



**Jurgen Benshop and Pierre Croes of Aserca**



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## Pointers to Ponder

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### Help: My boss and I don't get along! (I)

Today's article will be read by many and passed around the office to many colleagues. How do I know this? ....Because this is such a common problem in today's work place. The problem is not new to this generation; it has been around for umpteen years. However, the problem seemed to have escalated with the introduction of the digital, technological environment we work in today. We have much less face to face encounters today and relate almost exclusively through emails, and text messages. Hence, the important eye contact which ensures for better communication and understanding is missing and, I believe, is one of the elements contributing to the break down in relationships on the work floor.

So, what we have is employees having grave difficulty relating to their superiors and vice versa.

It is true, practically every worker has at some time or other disagreed with their boss. It may have been a small matter; it may have been something big. If you are one of those who had a disagreement with your boss, I hope that by the time you read this article, the issue is behind you. On the other hand, if you are still struggling with getting along with your boss, what can or should you do? I know that there are those, no matter what they have done or do, they just simply can't get along with their boss.

Frankly, often the problem began during the hiring process. Some companies just do not have good hiring skills. The very best way to avoid boss/employee friction is to hire the right persons for the



job – period! And, if you don't know how to do that, find an expert who can! But, then again, if every precaution was used to ensure you had the best employee, what is the employee to do if he just doesn't get along with the boss?

Let me give you, in a nutshell, what are the best possible steps to take.

#### A. Self-reflection

As you do self-reflection you may sense that things just aren't right, don't ignore that instinct. Keep a list of the times that things don't feel right. See if you can identify specific patterns and issues that come up and when. Can you identify specific issues?

Try to determine whether you are a good fit for the position you occupy, what are your strengths and weaknesses. Do you understand how your role fits in the larger mission of your company? If you don't, you must find out...ask. This self-reflection is to get you to think clearly and objectively about what you are feeling and to be specific about the situation so you can address it intelligently.

#### B. Sit down with your boss

Many times, we jump to conclusions about things or we pass unfair or non-justifiable judgment without a clear understanding of the situation. Hence, it may be very important to schedule a meeting with your boss. Sit down together in private and discuss your feelings. You might come away with a totally different perspective on what is happening.

In that meeting you want to be friendly, not confrontational. Try to understand what your strengths and weaknesses are, and where you can make improvements. Find out how and if you fit with the rest of the team. If you are certain that there is a personal issue, get feedback. If you succeed in identifying the problem, find ways that you can honestly give it an honest try to work together harmoniously. Decide to follow up with another get together to assess your progress.

#### C. Set professional standards

If you conclude that you have a personal issue with your boss after your meeting, you need to set professional standards for yourself from that point on. One such standard is that you will not bad mouth your boss to everybody. You will find enough co-workers who would listen to your bad mouth. But, you will gain absolutely nothing with such a standard. You cannot allow frustration or a bad attitude to impair your work performance.

Next issue I will give you three more important steps...I have exhausted my space for today. If this was helpful, please feel free to let me know at: [tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com](mailto:tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com).

## Venezuela election fight...

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"You are going to have to defeat me with votes," Capriles said in accepting the nomination of the main opposition coalition.

Venezuelans will vote in snap April 14 elections after a brief campaign that analysts say heavily favors Maduro, who Chavez picked as his successor in his last public appearance before going to Cuba for cancer surgery in December.

The Venezuelan president died March 5 and was eulogized on Friday in a lavish state funeral that drew leaders from around Latin America and anti-US allies including Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

International reaction continued to roll in. The US State Department announced the expulsion of two Venezuelan diplomats in a tit-for-tat response to the expulsion of two US Air Force officers by Venezuela last week.

Fidel Castro, meanwhile, commented for the first time on the death of his close friend and ally, calling Chavez "the best friend Cuba ever had."

Long lines of mourners have filed by his casket for a glimpse of the dead president who has been lying in state since Wednesday at a Caracas military academy.

Maduro says the government will embalm Chavez's body to be viewed "like Lenin" in a glass casket "for eternity."

Capriles, meanwhile, has accused Maduro of lying about the president's health to buy time to prepare for the elections.

"Now on top of it all, you are using the body of the president to stage a political campaign," he said Sunday.

Minutes later, Maduro went on state-run television, and, standing in front of a picture of Chavez in military uniform, accused his rival of trying to foment violence with "disgusting" accusations.

"His mask has fallen and we can see his nauseating fascist face," he said, warning that the Chavez family was reserving the right to take "all legal action to defend the honor of president Hugo Chavez."

"He is looking for the people of Venezuela to ... go on the path of violence," he said, urging Venezuelans to "not fall into provocations."

Amid popular pressure to place Chavez alongside South American independence hero Simon Bolivar in the national pantheon, Maduro said he would propose a constitutional amendment to the legislature today to move him there.



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Mrs. Obama's speech focused on the importance of coming together and combatting the issue of childhood obesity; it takes the commitment of parents, teachers, industry, medical professional and the community at large, to change the course and to create a healthier future for all. After the US First Lady's speech, Minister Visser had the opportunity to speak to Mrs. Obama, who to Minister Visser's great surprise, mentioned that she admires the work that Aruba

has done and is doing. She stressed the importance of international collaboration. It was apparent that the First Lady was informed by her staff, who have been collaborating with Pan American Conference on Obesity (PACO) initiative since Minister Visser visited with the "Let's Move" initiative staff in early 2010 at the White House. In particular, Dr. Shellie Pfohl, Executive Director, President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, visited Aruba on nume-

rous occasions and has been an important contributor to PACO, IBiSA and the various projects that fall under the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Minister Visser also took the opportunity to attend various sessions, including the important session "Active Schools," moderated by Shellie Pfohl. This session was of particular interest to Minister Visser as it encompasses similar campaigns and projects which the Government of Aruba started to implement on

the island. The "gezonde school" (healthy school initiative) pilot program and in a few months "kleuterklas saludable" (healthy kindergartens), a project involving all kindergartens on the island, will be initiated.

Among the many distinguished representative during the summit, Minister Visser also met with Dr. James Whitehead, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).



Minister Visser and Dr. Whitehead spoke about strengthening the collaboration between the government of Aruba and ACSM in implementing numerous programs such as "exercise as medicine" in Aruba. It was an honor for Minister Visser to participate in the 2013 summit "Building a Healthier Future" organized by PHA. He is looking forward in fostering and strengthening the collaborating with numerous renowned organizations that are truly working hard, creating exceptional programs for children in Aruba, the Caribbean, Latin America and the rest of the region in creating partnerships through leadership.

## Water Tower

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The tower in Oranjestad, for example, with a capacity of 375 cubic meters is 30 times less than what is required today for the area, which gets its water today from the tank at Mondri Fierno. What's more, the pressure of the water in these Water Towers is very low.

These two towers represent the initial distribution of water on Aruba in a professional and efficient manner for that time period. They are an example of history, architecture and economic development of our island.

Conserving these edifices will mean much to the current and future generations; it will teach us to understand the history and growth of Aruba. The San Nicolas Water Tower will become a museum for the national utility companies. There they will be able to show local and tourist visitors and our young people the history and development of the basic services on our island.

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## Falklands wraps up referendum as Argentina protests

LONDON (AFP) - Falkland Islanders cast their ballots yesterday on the final day of a two-day referendum designed to make clear their staunch desire to remain British, as Argentina derided the vote as illegal.

In a move instigated by residents themselves, the 1,672 eligible voters were deciding whether they want the Falkland Islands to remain an internally self-governing British overseas territory.

An overwhelming "yes" result, due within hours of the polls closing at 6:00pm on the remote South Atlantic archipelago, is not in doubt.

Argentina, which invaded the islands in 1982 before its troops were ousted by a British task force after a short but bloody war, maintained its dismissive line on the vote.

"It's a manoeuvre with no legal value, which has neither

been convened nor supervised by the United Nations," said Alicia Castro, Argentina's ambassador to London.

"We respect their way of life, their identity. We respect that they want to continue being British, but the territory they inhabit is not British," she told Buenos Aires radio station La Red.

Buenos Aires has stepped up its sovereignty claims against the backdrop of the discovery of potentially valuable oil reserves in the territorial waters of islands it calls "Las Malvinas," some 400 kilometres (250 miles) away from the Argentine coast.

Falklanders hope the result will arm them with a definitive statement on their wishes to counter Argentine President Cristina Kirchner's relentless and often emotional diplomatic offensive.

Four-fifths of the archipel-

ago's 2,563 permanent residents live in the town, with its typically British pubs and red telephone boxes.

And for the referendum, homes and shops are festooned with posters and flags, both Britain's Union Jack and the deep blue Falklands standard, which features both the Union Jack and the islands' crest -- a sheep, a wooden ship and the motto "Desire the Right".

Britain has held the Falklands since 1833 but Buenos Aires maintains that the barren islands are occupied Argentinian territory.

Buenos Aires claims the islanders are an "implanted" colonial population and thus do not have the right to self-determination.

International observers -- from Canada, Chile, Mexico, New Zealand, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay -- monitored the polling stations.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### White House rejects Karzai's charges

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House yesterday strongly rejected allegations from Afghan President Hamid Karzai that the United States was colluding with the Taliban to justify the presence of US troops in the country.

"That's categorically false, and nobody believes it," White House spokesman Jay Carney said when asked about Karzai's remarks.

In comments that marred the first visit by the US defense secretary, Chuck Hagel, Karzai charged that Taliban bombings helped the United States argue for a long-term military presence and that Washington was holding "daily" talks with the insurgents behind the backs of his government.

"It is their slogan for 2014, scaring us that if the US is not

here, our people will be eliminated," Karzai said on Sunday.

Hagel said he told Karzai that his allegations were incorrect but he played down the president's comments, saying the Afghan leader faced political pressures.

Echoing remarks by the commander of US and NATO troops in Afghanistan, General Joseph Dunford, the White House said Karzai had it all wrong.

"The United States has spent enormous blood and treasure for the past 12 years supporting the Afghan people ... in the effort to ensure stability and security in that country.

"The last thing we would do is support any kind of violence, particularly involving innocent civilians," he said.

### Earthquake shakes buildings in California

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A 5.1-magnitude earthquake shook buildings in Los Angeles yesterday, the US Geological Survey and witnesses said, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

The epicenter of the quake was located some 11 miles (19 kilometers) southeast of Anza, California, or about 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles, and was felt in San Diego, two hours' drive down the coast from LA.

The quake shook buildings including one housing AFP's offices in Hollywood, northwest of downtown LA. But

there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, according to the LA Times and other local media.

Los Angeles is on the so-called "Ring of Fire," which circles the Pacific and has produced a number of devastating earthquakes, including Japan's March 2011 quake and tsunami, which killed thousands of people.

California is arguably overdue for the "Big One." While major quakes in recent years have shaken Japan, Indonesia, Chile, New Zealand and Mexico, the US West Coast has been spared.



AFP photo shows Cubans lining up in front of the United States Interests Section (SINA) in Havana to get the visa to travel to the U.S. on March 11, 2013. After years of being denied the right to leave their country, the Cuban dissidents began to travel in numbers around the world to spread their ideas and to seek for support.



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## International News

### Leader of Cuban dissident group allowed to leave on tour

HAVANA (AFP) - The leader of Ladies in White, a group founded by wives of political prisoners, will travel outside of Cuba for the first time Monday when she heads to Spain for a visit.

Berta Soler, the group's leader, was availing herself of an easing of travel restrictions to visit Spain and possibly Poland and other countries during a 16-day tour.

"I am going as a representative of the Cuban people, not just Ladies in White, so that they may know firsthand the reality facing the Cuban people," she told AFP. "My words will be the same words, but in a free and democratic country."

Soler was refused permission to leave the country in 2005 to accept the European Parliament's Andrei Sakharov human rights prize awarded to her group.

Wives and mothers of dissidents who were jailed in a major crackdown in 2003 formed the group to draw attention to the plight of their loved ones, marching in silence every Sunday to press for their release.

On January 14, the government of President Raul Castro relaxed the travel restrictions, eliminating the requirement of an exit visa and a letter of invitation from the host country.

The rule changes have allowed Soler and other Cuban dissidents, including blogger Yoani Sanchez, to travel abroad in recent weeks.

## Deaf to critics, Orban changes Hungary's constitution

BUDAPEST (AFP) - Hungary's parliament on Monday stoked concerns about creeping authoritarianism in the European Union member state by altering the constitution for the fourth time since Prime Minister Viktor Orban won power in 2010.

The changes, which sparked concerns in Brussels and Washington and provoked protests in Budapest, curb the powers of Hungary's top court and reintroduce controversial measures its judges rendered void in recent months.

The European Commission and the Council of Europe reacted immediately, saying the

amendments "raise concerns with respect to the principle of the rule of law, EU law and Council of Europe standards".

Hours before the vote, an EU spokeswoman had said Brussels would act to ensure EU laws are complied with by member states.

Brussels has clashed with Orban over a whole series of issues, including media freedom and control over both the constitutional court and central bank since the right-wing politician swept to power three years ago.

Washington had also expressed misgivings about the new constitutional re-write, with the State Department saying that it deserves "closer scrutiny and more deliberate

consideration".

But Hungary's Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi said Monday that Budapest was acting fairly.

Martonyi told reporters in Brussels that the government would ask the Venice Commission, an advisory body to the Council of Europe, to give its opinion, state news agency MTI reported.

Council of Europe head Thorbjorn Jagland had asked Hungary to refrain from approving the changes until the Venice Commission had studied the legislation.

The changes passed by parliament, where Orban's Fidesz party has a two-thirds majority, mean that the constitutional court will no longer be able to

void a law endorsed with a two-thirds parliamentary majority and enshrined in the constitution.

It was the fourth amendment of Hungary's constitution, called the Fundamental Law, since it came into force on January 1, 2012, replacing the previous one which was deemed a relic of the communist era by Orban's party.

The constitutional court will now only be able to review and judge future amendments on procedural grounds, not on their content.

The president will no longer have a veto and will be obliged to sign amendments, except when there is an objection on procedural grounds.

### 'Vatileaks' journalist declined Vatican accreditation

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - An Italian journalist who published leaks of confidential papal documents last year said Monday he had been denied accreditation by the Vatican to cover the upcoming conclave.

"This is a choice for obscurantism, far from transparency and press freedom," Gianluigi Nuzzi said on his Twitter account.

Nuzzi published his book "Your Holiness: The Secret Papers of Benedict XVI" last year, alleging high intrigue at the heart of the Catholic Church.

Benedict's butler Paolo Gabriele -- one of the lay people closest to the head of the world's Catholics -- was convicted of leaking the documents but later pardoned by the then pope. The scandal came to be known as "Vatileaks".

More than 5,600 journalists have been accredited to cover the election of the next pope.

## US expels two Venezuelan diplomats: official

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States has expelled two Venezuelan diplomats in a tit-for-tat move after Caracas ordered two US Air Force officers out of the country, a US official told AFP Monday.

Second Secretary Orlando Jose Montanes and consular official Victor Tamacaro were declared "persona non grata" by the United States on Saturday and left the country Sunday, the State Department official said on condition of anonymity.

A spokesman contacted by AFP did not give any explanation for the expulsion of the Venezuelan diplomats, saying simply that the Vienna conventions allow anybody to be declared "persona non grata."

The expulsion came just 24 hours after the funeral of ex-president Hugo Chavez, who died last week after losing his battle with cancer, adding a new wrinkle to the already strained relations between the two countries.

The two countries have not had ambassadors in their respective capitals since 2010 and diplomatic relations have not normalized despite several direct contacts between the governments.

Venezuela will hold a new presidential vote on April 14, with newly sworn-in interim President Nicolas Maduro -- Chavez's handpicked succes-

sor -- the heavy favorite to win.

It was Maduro who last week announced the expulsion of two US military attaches -- shortly before he announced the death of president Chavez.

Maduro accused the Americans of acting to destabilize the country, going as far as to suggest the US was behind the cancer that killed Chavez.



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## Health & Living

### Viagra is no help against heart failure: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The erectile dysfunction drug commonly known as Viagra is no help against heart failure and should not be taken for it, according to research out Monday that contradicts previous, smaller studies.

Some early research had suggested the drug, which can increase blood flow to other parts of the body, might offer a benefit to people with diastolic heart failure in which the heart's lower chambers stiffen and cannot pump blood well, causing shortness of breath.

But the randomized study of 216 patients at 26 sites in North America showed that the drug, known as sildenafil, was no better than a placebo at improving exercise capability or clinical symptoms of heart disease.

Also, more patients taking the drug experienced serious adverse events than those who were given a placebo, leading researchers to urge doctors to stop prescribing it as an off-label treatment for people with heart disease.

During the study period, adverse events such as flushing and low blood pressure occurred more often in patients on sildenafil than in those on the placebo.



Also, six people in sildenafil group died before the end of the study, while there were no deaths in the placebo section.

Sildenafil and other drugs like it -- known as phosphodiesterase-5 (PDE-5) inhibitors -- are used to treat erectile dysfunction and high blood pressure in the arteries of the lungs, but are not labeled for heart failure.

However, some clinicians may be prescribing them for their heart failure patients because some smaller studies on humans and preliminary animal studies had suggested a benefit.

The latest study results "should discourage this practice, particularly considering the high cost of the drug," Redfield said in a statement.

### Antibiotics resistance a 'catastrophic' global threat, UK warns

LONDON (AFP) - Resistance to antibiotics is a 'catastrophic' global threat and should be ranked alongside terrorism as one of the biggest risks Britain faces, the government's chief

medical officer said Monday.

Sally Davies called the problem a "ticking time-bomb", saying routine hip operations could become deadly within 20 years if humans lose the ability to fight infections.

"We need to work with everyone to ensure the apocalyptic scenario of widespread antimicrobial resistance does not become a reality.

"This threat is arguably as important as climate change for the world."

She said there had been a "discovery void" in the field since 1987 and called for more innovation around antibiotics, saying diseases had evolved faster than the drugs to treat them.

### Saudi frees all arrested women protesters: police



RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi authorities have freed all but two of a group of women arrested early this month while staging a sit-in to demand the release of Islamist prisoners in the city of Buraida, police said.

SPA news had previously reported that Saudi police arrested 176 people on March 1 for holding a protest.

Authorities have accused the protesters of acting on behalf of "deviant groups" -- a term they usually use to refer to the Al-Qaeda jihadist network.

During a Thursday tour of Buraida, Qassim's main city, interior ministry spokesman Mansur al-Turki said that all prisoners had been released "with the exception of 19 women, 55 Saudis, and an

Egyptian who had impersonated a Saudi."

Demonstrations are banned in Saudi Arabia, an ultra-conservative Muslim kingdom that has remained relatively untouched by the Arab Spring uprisings.

Small groups of women have gathered almost daily in Buraida, north of Riyadh, to demand the release of imprisoned Islamist relatives, and dozens of protesters held a rare sit-in outside the Buraida prison in September.

A wave of deadly Al-Qaeda attacks in the kingdom between 2003 and 2006 prompted the authorities to launch a crackdown on the local branch of slain Saudi-born Osama bin Laden's group.



BRUSSELS (AFP) - After years of trying, the EU finally put into effect Monday a complete ban on the sale of cosmetics developed through animal testing. The EU has progressively clamped down on animal testing since the 1990s and banned most such products in 2009, but it left a few exemptions for several toxicity tests which will now cease. The ban applies to all products, wherever in the world they come from. Earlier this month, Japanese cosmetics giant Shiseido said it was dropping animal-tested products, with some exceptions where such tests were the only way of proving the safety of goods already on sale.

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## Sci-Tech

### El Nino, La Nina unlikely to show early in: WMO

GENEVA (AFP) - The El Nino and La Nina climate patterns are unlikely to make an appearance during the first half of this year, the UN's weather agency said Monday.

During the past 10 months, indicators in the tropical Pacific, including ocean temperatures, sea level pressure and cloudiness, "have generally been at neutral levels, indicating that neither El Nino nor La Nina conditions have been present," it added.

The phenomena are significant factors in the fluctuations of the world climate.

El Nino occurs every two to seven years, when the trade winds that circulate surface water in the tropical Pacific start to weaken.

A mass of warm water builds in the western Pacific and eventually rides over to the eastern side of the ocean.

The outcome is a major shift in rainfall, bringing floods and mudslides to usually arid countries in western South America and drought in the western Pacific, as well as a change in nutrient-rich ocean currents that lure fish.

It last occurred from June 2009 to May 2010.

El Nino is often followed by a return swing of the pendulum with La Nina, which is characterised by unusually cool ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific, and which was last declared over in April 2012.

The two climate patterns are closely watched by scientists, who say that while they are not caused by climate change, rising ocean temperatures caused by global warming may affect their intensity and frequency.



BANGKOK (AFP) - Five shark species and Manta Ray won international trade protection Monday in a move hailed as a breakthrough in efforts to save the world's oldest predator from extinction due to rampant demand for its fins. The deal includes protects porbeagle and three types of hammerhead sharks.

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## Japan clones 26 generations and still going

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese scientists have produced 26 generations of clones from a

single mouse, the lead researcher last week, possibly paving the way for the mass replication of valuable livestock.

The team have so far produced 598 mice that are genetic copies of one original creature in an experiment that has so far been going for seven years, said Teruhiko Wakayama of the Riken Center for Developmental Biology.

"This is by far the largest cloning project using a mammal," he told AFP. "By applying our study, mass reproduction of prized animals should become possible even after the original animals die," he said.

Reliable methods for cloning over an extended number of generations could be a boon to farmers who



have, for example, a cow that produces a lot of milk, or an animal that is expected to produce particularly high-quality meat.

Natural breeding does not guarantee that an animal's offspring will have the same qualities, but a clone is an exact copy.

Wakayama has significantly improved on existing capabilities that had a low

success rate and tended only to last for a few generations.

The team used a technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer, whereby a cell's nucleus, which contains the genetic information of the original animal, was inserted into a living egg that had its own nucleus removed.

The egg was then planted in a surrogate who delivered the clone. That cloned result

then became a donor for another cell nucleus, which was implanted into a host cell, allowing the cycle to continue.

Overall, the cloned mice have normal biological features, including normal longevity and reproductive capability.

Detailed genetic analysis showed limited abnormalities in non-vital aspects, such as large placenta, but the clone-specific abnormalities neither increased nor decreased over generations of recloning, Wakayama said.

Wakayama's team has found that use of a certain chemical agent, called a histone deacetylase inhibitor, and other technical improvements allowed recloning to continue for many generations, he said.

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8. British noblewoman
12. Actress Myrna
13. Thump
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15. Dipped food
17. Preserves food
18. Say it ain't so
19. Existence
21. Self-importance
24. Draw out

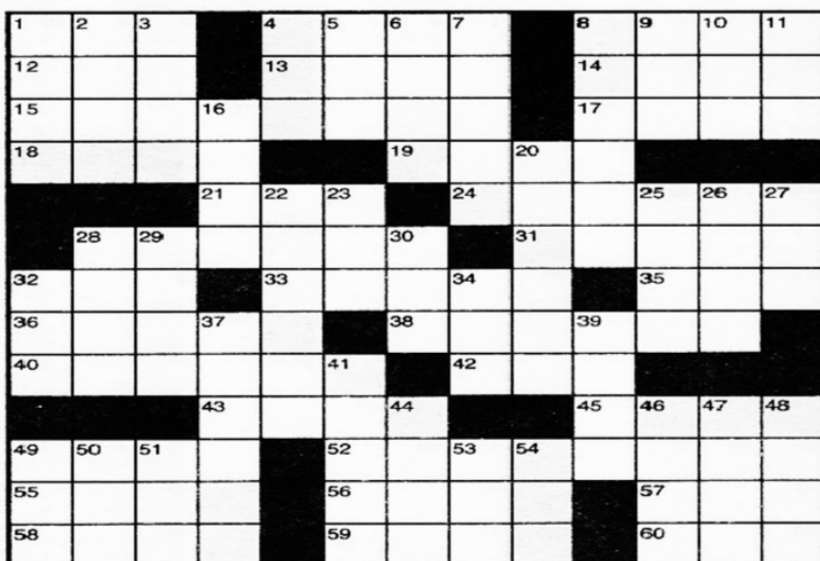
28. Wish for
31. Small particles
32. Gun an engine
33. \_\_\_ Lama
35. Expire
36. Author Zola
38. "\_\_\_ Angel" (Alice Faye film)
40. \_\_\_ the leader
42. "\_\_\_ was saying..." (2 wds.)
43. Over again
45. \_\_\_ and groan
49. Dieter's milk
52. Computer collection of information
55. \_\_\_ colada
56. Pollyanna's word
57. Conjunction, for short

58. Tattered clothes
59. \_\_\_ out a living
60. Farm clucker

## DOWN

1. Moved smoothly
2. Family dwelling
3. Religious song
4. Middle (abbr.)
5. Impressed sounds
6. Add \_\_\_ to the fire
7. Rocker Van Halen
8. Deception
9. Actress Gardner
10. TV's "\_\_\_ in Trees"
11. Overhead

16. Needle holes
20. Threshes or thrashes
22. Hotel Bible distributor
23. "Are you a man \_\_\_ mouse?" (2 wds.)
25. Cryptogram
26. "\_\_\_ the Mood for Love" (2 wds.)
27. Half a fly
28. Car dealer's model
29. Demonic
30. Pixie's kin
32. NBA official
34. Highest minor-league level
37. Andes animals
39. Branch's big brother
41. Pie serving
44. Hike
46. Solemn declaration
47. Tennis star Arthur
48. Sign gas
49. April's season (abbr.)
50. Korean car company
51. Verb ending
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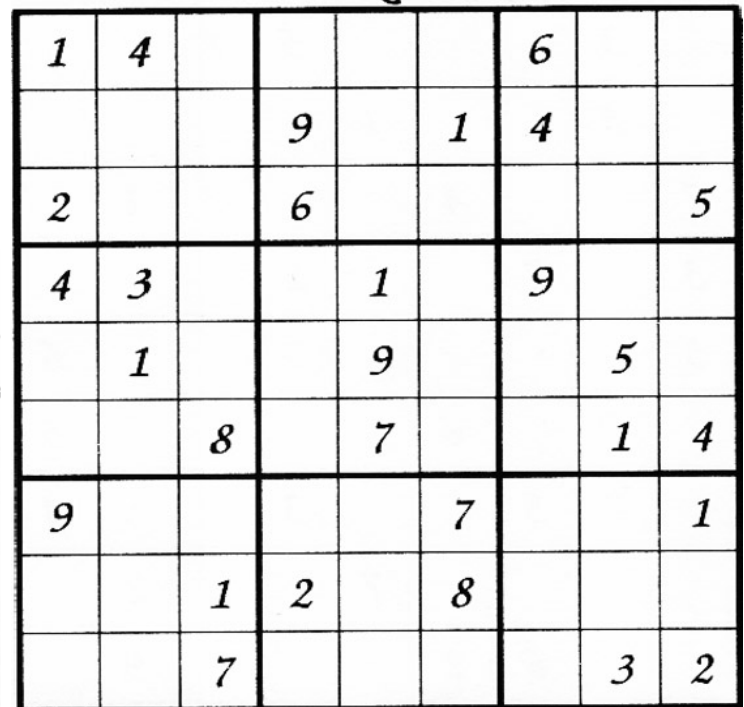
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## Finance

# US slaps sanctions on key N. Korea bank

NEW YORK (AFP) - The United States on Monday slapped sanctions on North Korea's primary foreign exchange bank as it bids to force the isolated nation to abandon its nuclear program.

The Treasury Department will impose sanctions on the Foreign Trade Bank of North Korea after Pyongyang flouted international resolutions and conducted its third nuclear test last month, US national security advisor Tom Donilon said.

The United States will "continue to work with allies and partners to tighten national and international sanctions to impede North Korea's nuclear

and missile programs," Donilon told the Asia Society in New York.

The announcement came as South Korea and the United States launched joint drills Monday involving thousands of troops, defying North Korea's apocalyptic threat to repudiate the 60-year-old Korean War armistice in retaliation.

The start of the two-week "Key Resolve" exercise follows a week of escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula, with Pyongyang also threatening nuclear war over UN sanctions.

Donilon called such state-

ments "highly provocative" but reaffirmed that Washington was "committed to the defense of our homeland and our allies."

"North Korea's claims may be hyperbolic -- but as to the policy of the United States, there should be no doubt -- we will draw upon the full range of our capabilities to protect against, and to respond to, the threat posed to us and to our allies by North Korea."

He also reiterated that Washington was willing to hold "authentic negotiations with North Korea," but said it "refuses to reward bad North Korean behavior."

# Hong Kong stocks end flat

HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong shares closed flat on Monday, with disappointing Chinese economic data offsetting better-than-forecast US jobs figures and another record close on the Dow on Wall Street.

The benchmark Hang Seng Index edged down 1.13 points to 23,090.82 on turnover of HK\$59.03 billion (\$7.62 billion).

The US Labor Department said the economy generated a net 236,000 new jobs in February, far more than expected, pulling the unemployment rate down to a four-year low of 7.7 percent from 7.9 percent.

The report reinforced views the recovery is strengthening, while analysts said underlying figures and upcoming spending cuts meant the Federal Reserve was unlikely to take its foot off its monetary easing soon.

The Dow broke the 14,400 line for the first time, before finishing at 14,397.07, up 0.47 percent and a new record for a fourth straight session.

The S&P 500 also rose 0.45 percent to 1,551.18, approaching its own record high, while the Nasdaq added 0.38 percent.

However, results from Beijing Saturday showed inflation at a 10-month high of 3.2 percent in February while growth in industrial output and retail sales slowed.

The figures raise concerns that the pick-up in the economy may be slowing while dealers are also worried the government will unveil tightening measures to temper prices.

"The world's largest economy continues to recover, while the world's second-largest economy looks like it has run into a bit of a soft patch," Matthew Sherwood, head of investment market research at Perpetual in Sydney, told Dow Jones Newswires.

China Mobile rose 0.48 percent to HK\$84.60, HSBC

added 0.35 percent to HK\$85.25 and Bank of China HK climbed 1.89 percent to HK\$26.90.

Among the losers, Foxconn slipped 0.30 percent to HK\$3.29 and Sun Hung Kai Properties eased 0.26 percent to HK\$114.60.

Chinese shares ended down 0.35 percent. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index fell 8.02 points to 2,310.59 on turnover of 73.9 billion yuan (\$11.9 billion).

Beijing this month issued rules to rein in housing prices, including a nationwide capital gains tax of 20 percent on profits from the sale of residential properties.

Banking stocks led the declines.

# 3,000-plus coal workers strike in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Over 3,000 workers at five Exxaro coal mines in South Africa were on strike Monday over unpaid bonuses, a company spokesman said, prompting fears electricity supplies could be hit.

"The strikes are related to different issues at the mines," company spokesman Win de Klerk said in a statement.

"Production has stopped at these mines and Exxaro is engaging with unions and managing the situation to bring operations to normality as soon as possible," it said.

The company supplies the state owned energy company Eskom with coal for power stations.

The state utility said stockpiles would last up to 40 days,

ruling out immediate shortages.

Workers at two mines, Matla and Arnot in the eastern province of Mpumalanga were the first to down tools on March 5.

Workers at three other mines have since followed suit.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said talks with Exxaro bosses had not yet yielded results.

"The company informed the workers that failure to meet targets had resulted in bonuses not being paid," said NUM spokesman Lesiba Seshoka.

South Africa's mining industry is recovering from a wave of deadly labour disputes over pay, which shut down gold and platinum mines last year and slashed profits.

# Qatar discovers new reserves of natural gas: media

DOHA (AFP) - Key gas exporter Qatar has discovered additional reserves of 2.5 trillion cubic feet (68 billion cubic metres) of natural gas in a northern offshore field, media reported on Monday.

The discovery was made in Block 4 North, in North Field at a water depth of around 70 metres (230 feet), newspapers said.

The gas discovery was "made after four years of intensive exploration activities, including the drilling of two exploration wells," The Peninsula daily quoted Qatar's energy minister, Mohammed al-Sada, as saying.

The field is operated by Qatar Petroleum and its German partner Wintershall, as well as Japan's Mitsui Gas Development Qatar.

North Field was discovered in 1971 and contains 900 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas.

Local daily Gulf Times quoted Sada as describing it as "an important gas discovery for Qatar" -- the world's fourth biggest natural gas exporter.

The tiny Gulf peninsula holds the world's third-largest gas reserves and produces roughly 77 million tonnes of liquefied natural gas per year, making it the world's largest supplier.

# Giant Indian engineering firm hit by World Bank ban

MUMBAI (AFP) - Shares in Indian engineering firm Larsen & Toubro, one of the country's biggest companies, were down in early trade on Monday after it was banned from World Bank-funded projects for six months.

Shares fell as much as 2.7 percent after the sanctions were applied from March 7 to September 6. The World Bank enforced the ban after finding that an employee of the company had forged documents to win a supply deal five years ago.

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) said in a statement on the Bombay Stock Exchange website that the sanctions were "not expected to have material impact on the company's present or future operations or its

profitability or financials".

The World Bank found L&T had failed to stop the employee from forging documents to help secure a contract to supply ultrasound scanners for a health project in India's southern Tamil Nadu state in 2008.

L&T failed to have measures in place to prevent or detect such frauds, according to the World Bank order.

A company executive Deepak Morada on Friday said the documents were forged without company sanction and the employee has since resigned after he was confronted by the management.

After falling sharply in early trade, L&T shares recovered slightly to show a loss of 0.94 percent by late morning.

-- Dow Jones Newswires contributed to this report --

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--The Mexican government on Monday announced a sweeping proposal to limit the reach of telecoms tycoon Carlos Slim and broadcasting giant Televisa as part of efforts to boost competition in Latin America's second-biggest economy. The bill, which is expected to be sent to congress on Today, seeks to establish a powerful regulator with far greater authority to limit companies' control of markets. Though details were not immediately available, it is understood that the new regulatory body would have greater power to classify companies as dominant, stiffen existing penalties against them and, in some cases, even break them up.




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**BOADING (AFP)** - A Tibetan mastiff dog is displayed at a show in Baoding, Hebei province on week-end. Fetching prices up to around 750,000 USD, mastiffs have become a prized status-symbol amongst China's wealthy, with rich buyers across the country sending prices skyrocketing. Owners say the mastiffs, descendants of dogs used for hunting by nomadic tribes in central Asia and Tibet are fiercely loyal and protective. Breeders still travel to the Himalayan plateau to collect young puppies, although many are unable to adjust to the low altitudes and die during the journey.

## Capriles: Youthful face of Venezuela's opposition

**CARACAS (AFP)** - Donning his trademark baseball cap in Venezuela's colors, Henrique Capriles is the youthful leader of an opposition that failed to defeat late leader Hugo Chavez in 14 years, but he hopes he can beat his successor this time.

Nicknamed "flaquito" (skinny) because of his lean figure, Capriles accepted the opposition's nomination Sunday to run in the April 14 election against the broad-shouldered acting President Nicolas Maduro.

He entered the race with guns blazing, accusing Maduro of "using the body of the president to stage a political campaign." Chavez has been lying in state since Wednesday, with throngs of supporters filing past his open casket since then.

The 40-year-old Miranda state governor became the face of the historically fractured opposition last year when he was picked in an unprecedented primary to run against Chavez in the October presidential election.

The wide-ranging coalition of opposition parties picked him again as its candidate this weekend, days after his formidable rival Chavez lost his battle with cancer.

Last year, the telegenic lawyer ran a vigorous campaign, going door-to-door



wearing short-sleeve shirts and his hat in the yellow, blue and red colors of Venezuela, describing it as a battle between David and Goliath.

Even though he drew huge crowds, including hundreds of thousands at a rally in Caracas, his nationwide campaign was not enough to topple the leftist leader, who won by 11 percentage points.

But with 6.5 million, or 44 percent, of the votes, he gave the opposition its best score ever against Chavez, who ran the country for 14 years and was about to begin another six year term.

Capriles had already been trading barbs with Maduro for weeks when the rivals took swipes at each other on Sunday.

The governor accused his rival of being "sick with power" and suggested Maduro lied about when Chavez died. The acting leader branded his

rival a "fascist" and accused him of trying to foment violence.

Hailing from a well-to-do family, Capriles has served as lawmaker, mayor and Miranda state governor in his young career.

The business-friendly candidate says he is inspired by Brazilian-style center-left policies, though he was first elected in the chamber of deputies at the age of 26 on the center-right Christian Democrat list.

He became the young president of the chamber of deputies, a legislative body that no longer exists and was replaced by the National Assembly.

Born on July 11, 1972, his maternal grandmother is a Jewish Pole who survived the Holocaust, but he follows the Catholic faith.

Capriles is single with no children.

## Sweden's fairytale Princess Lilian dies



**STOCKHOLM (AFP)** - Flags flew at half-mast across Sweden on Monday as the country mourned the death of Princess Lilian, a Welsh-born commoner who stole Swedes' hearts by waiting three decades to marry her lifelong love Prince Bertil. Born Lilian Davies in the Welsh mining city of Swansea in 1915, the princess died at her Stockholm home on Sunday at the age of 97, surrounded by the royal family. She had suffered from Alzheimer's. Prince Bertil, the uncle of King Carl XVI Gustaf, died in 1997. The couple never had children. Lilian's sacrifices for her prince endeared her to Swedes, who were gripped by the romantic love affair. She was like a grandmother to the current royal family, and was often seen together with them at official functions until 2010, when she withdrew from public life due to her health. Lilian's closed coffin will lie in state on Friday at the palace chapel, and her funeral will be held on Saturday.



## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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## Sport

### Football: Croatia slams Platini over letter to PM

ZAGREB (AFP) - The Croatian government slammed UEFA president Michel Platini on Monday over his "inappropriate" letter to Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic in which he urged the Balkan country to tackle hooliganism.

Last month, Platini urged Croatia and Serbia to tackle hooliganism ahead of the high-risk March 22 World Cup qualifier, the first meeting between the two sides as independent nations since the bloody war in the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

In his letter, Platini also called Milanovic and his Serbian counterpart Iвица Dacic to organise an urgent meeting with UEFA officials to discuss ways to uproot violence in football in the two former Yugoslav republics.



UEFA has fined both football federations several times for violence and racist behaviour shown by hardcore football fans.

Croatian officials said they have taken a series of measures to fight sports violence.

"The situation regarding safety in Croatia is no worse

or more concerning than in the rest of Europe, also faced with racial discrimination issues (and) disorders often ending in the worst form of violence," the letter said.

UEFA official Grigoriy Surkis, who attended a Croatian Football Federation's assembly on Monday, warned that Croatia risked being excluded from international competition if sports violence was not rooted out.

"Croatia might find itself in isolation," Surkis said.

In a bid to avoid trouble between rival fans, Croatian and Serbian football federations decided to ban away supporters from attending the match. The return is to be played on September 6 in Belgrade.

### Football: six teens and a dad in court over Dutch linesman killing

LELYSTAD (AFP) - Six teenagers and one of their fathers appeared before a Dutch court on Monday to face charges over the killing of a football linesman last year, in a case that shocked the football-mad country.

At a pre-trial hearing, with limited access for the media at the Lelystad courthouse, northeast of Amsterdam, the teenagers and a 51-year-old man whose 16-year-old son was with him in the dock, were all charged with the death of Richard Nieuwenhuizen on December 3.

Monday's hearing to prepare for trial at the end of May, saw defence lawyers asking for their clients to be released from custody and judges agreeing to allow a defence expert witness on the cause of Nieuwenhuizen's death.

Seven youths and a man, identified only as El-Hasan D., were subsequently arrested in connection with the December 2 assault.

The youths and El-Hasan are all charged with homicide, public violence and brutality. Six youths, aged between 16 and 17, as well as El-Hasan remained in custody while a seventh teenager, aged 15, is free but faces similar charges.

All eight are connected to, or are members of, the Nieuw Sloten football club, which played against Nieuwenhuizen's Buitenboys Club in Almere, just west of Amsterdam, when the attack occurred.

Nieuwenhuizen officiated as a linesman in the under-17 match in which his own son also played and was set upon shortly after the final whistle by members of the Nieuw Sloten club. He was allegedly kicked several times in the head. He became ill a few hours later and died the following day in hospital with his family at his side.

The linesman's death horrified the Netherlands where 1.2 million people out of a population of 16.5 million are members of the national football federation KNVB.






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## NBA: Heat beat Pacers for 18th straight win



MIAMI (AFP) - The Miami Heat extended their franchise-best winning streak to 18 games by beating mistake-prone Indiana 105-91 on Sunday, avenging two one-sided losses to the Pacers earlier this season.

Dwyane Wade had 23 points and a half dozen steals and Chris Bosh shot 11-of-15 from the field and finished with 24 points for the Heat, who lost by double-digits in both previous contests to Indiana this season.

Miami's 18-game winning streak ties the sixth-longest run in National Basketball Association history and they can match the 2008 Boston Celtics' 19-game win streak with a victory over the Atlanta Hawks on today.

Mario Chalmers had a game high 26 points and nailed five-of-six three pointers and LeBron James added 13 points and seven assists in the win.

David West scored a team-high 24 points for the Pacers,

who committed 18 turnovers.

Paul George struggled, shooting just two-of-11 from the field for Indiana, which were the last team to defeat the Heat back in the beginning of February.

Chalmers made it 15-14 by sinking three free throws in the opening quarter to give the Heat a lead they would keep for the rest of the contest.

Miami finished the half on a 10-2 run to lead 56-46 going into the break.

Indiana closed out the third quarter on a 9-0 run of its own to make it 79-65 going into the fourth.

But then Miami found their scoring touch again in the fourth as the Heat cruised to its 14th win in a row at home.

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Simmons gave the Netherlands a 3-2 lead by hitting a sacrifice fly to the left, and a Cuban error gave them another run for 4-2. However Yulieski Gourriel's double again allowed Cuba to even the scores 4-4 in the fifth.

As tensions rose, Cuba then went ahead for the first time 6-4 in the eighth through Yasmany Tomas's single and Eriel Sanchez's sacrifice fly. But the Netherlands tied it once again thanks to Simmons' two-run homer under pressure.

And in the ninth, Jones took the first base on a Cuban error and then Curt Smith and Xander Bogaerts connected two singles for full bases, before Sams hit a fly to the centre field, sparking jubilation in the Netherlands dugout.

The Netherlands will now play two-time defending champions Japan, who have also qualified, today to determine their seeding for the four-team showdown in San Francisco later this month.

## Boxing: Mayweather launches rich new deal against Guerrero



LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Unbeaten fighter Floyd Mayweather began promoting his return to the ring after a year's absence on Monday, saying rival Robert Guerrero does not have a ghost of a chance of winning on May 4.

Guerrero, whose nickname is "Ghost", will be the first foe for World Boxing Council welterweight champion Mayweather in a new six-fight, 30-month deal with CBS and Showtime that he claims is the biggest in boxing history.

Mayweather, 43-0 with 26 knockouts, has not fought since taking a unanimous 12-

round decision from Miguel Cotto last May. Mayweather has served a 90-day jail sentence for domestic battery last year after his victory.

US southpaw Guerrero, 31-1-1 with 18 knockouts, has won 15 fights in a row since suffering his only loss, a 2005 split-decision defeat at the hands of Mexico's Gamaliel Diaz.

Mayweather was ranked as the highest-paid athlete in sports last year by Forbes magazine at \$85 million a year, just ahead of Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao, the major foe Mayweather has never fought.

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Woods's playing partner Graeme McDowell, of Northern Ireland, posted a double-bogey on the final hole to finish at even-par 72. He was joined in third place at minus-14 by Sergio Garcia (69), Phil Mickelson (71) and Adam Scott (64).

McDowell blamed his putting for his downfall.

"I can't fault my ball striking this weekend," McDowell said. "Tee to green I did everything I had to do."

"But as these greens got firmer, faster and crustier, my pace and my speed got slower and slower. I wasn't putting

with the same authority I had on Thursday and Friday."

American Keegan Bradley had a 71 to end alone in seventh at 12-under 276.

World number one Rory McIlroy fired a seven-under 65 to finish in a tie for eighth at minus-10. He was joined by 2012 champion Justin Rose (68), Peter Hanson (70) and Michael Thompson (73).

McIlroy said he feels much better about his play after admitting recently he made a mistake by pulling out of the Honda Classic tournament earlier this month.

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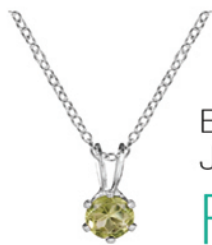


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## Baseball: Last-gasp Dutch stun Cuba to reach WBC finals

TOKYO (AFP) - The Netherlands snatched a game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to earn a nail-biting upset win over Cuba and their first ever spot in the World Baseball Classic final series on Monday.

The unfancied Dutch looked down and out at 4-6 in the eighth inning, but Andrelton Simmons levelled the scores with a two-run homer. At 6-6 in the ninth, Kallian Sams hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded to take the dramatic win.

The Netherlands have now secured a berth in the championship semi-finals in San Francisco, after crashing out in the first stage in 2006 and the second round in 2009.

Meanwhile Cuba, the 2006 finalists and one of the pre-tournament favourites, head home wondering how they let victory slip through their fingers at Tokyo Dome.

The Netherlands had made most of the running, with a sacrifice fly by Andruw Jones earning them an early 1-0 lead before Smith hit a single to get a second-base runner back home for 2-0 in the bottom of the third.

But Cuba evened the score at 2-2 in the fourth inning through Jose Fernandez's single and a solo home run by Alfredo Despaigne.

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## Golf: Woods claims WGC-Cadillac Championship



MIAMI (AFP) - Tiger Woods captured the WGC-Cadillac Championship at the Blue Monster course Sunday with a closing round of one-under 71

for a two-shot victory over fellow American Steve Stricker.

Woods earned his 76th career PGA Tour win and posted his second victory of the year as he steps up his game ahead of the upcoming Masters tournament in April.

Woods improved to 40-2 with the outright lead going into the final round on the PGA Tour, fending off a star-studded leaderboard on Sunday to finish at 19-under 269.

The 14-time major championship winner Woods sank his final putt, picked up the ball and put it in his right pocket before waving his black cap to the crowd on No. 18.

"I played well this week," said Woods, who collected \$1.5 million in prize money. "It was one of those weeks where I felt good about the way I was playing and I made some putts. I pretty much got it rolling."

The 37-year-old Woods posted his 17th career WGC victory, though it was only his first in four years. He has not won a major title in almost five years but hopes to change that with a win in the 77th Masters running April 11-14.

Woods has won a handful of PGA tournaments over the past two years but this was his first in some time against an elite field with most of the top 50 players in the world competing.

Woods made it interesting at the end by making bogey on two of his last three holes.

He needed just 100 putts over the four rounds, the fewest he's had in his career in a 72-hole tournament.

Stricker closed with a four-under 68 to finish at 17-under-par 271. Despite the impressive rally, he couldn't make up the difference between himself and Woods and finished runner-up for the second time this season.

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